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mint could alone restore silver to its former price of about 60d. per ounce. It is a new edition of an old book, largely concerned with Lord Liverpool's action in 1816. Although not written from the standpoint of scientific economics, it is vigorous, clear, and business-like.

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*Joint-Metallism.* By ANSON PHELPS STOKES. Fifth edition, comprising Parts I, II, III, IV, and V. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1896. 8vo. pp. xxii + 255.

THE new matter in the latest edition of *Joint-Metallism* consists of extracts from the Saratoga free-coinage debate of 1895, three letters to the *Springfield Republican*, and a brief article headed, "After the Election, What?" Aside from these comparatively unimportant additions, the only change made is in bringing the statistical tables down to July 1, 1896, and adding one or two new tables to the appendix.

For the rest, the book remains substantially what it was in the first edition, a disconnected series of letters to various daily papers. It has increased in bulk by accretion, but no attempt has been made to render the discussion less desultory. Mr. Stokes seems to have a tender affection for the products of his pen that renders him incapable of recasting anything once printed, or of resisting the temptation to include in every new edition that appears whatever he has written since the last one. This is unfortunate for the book, because it precludes the possibility of much improvement. The criticisms passed upon the peculiar plan of coinage when *Joint-Metallism* was reviewed two years ago in this JOURNAL (Vol. III, pp. 372-375) are as applicable to the fifth as they were to the third edition.

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*Finanzwissenschaft.* Ergänzungsheft zum dritten Theil: *Specielle Steuerlehre.* By ADOLPH WAGNER. Leipzig: C. F. Winter'sche Verlagshandlung, 1896. 8vo. pp. 168.

THOUGH in form and title this latest work from the pen of Professor Wagner appears as a supplement, it makes, in fact, a complete and highly interesting volume by itself. Readers of Wagner will remember that it was a part of the author's original plan of the *Finanzwissenschaft* to prepare the way for the practical treatment of taxation